

The Democrat.

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CAPE GIRARD, MO., MISSOURI.

Capt. J. B. Coghlan, commander of the cruiser Raleigh in the battle of Manila bay, was a visitor on the St. Louis Merchants' exchange, on the 23d, and was given a rousing reception.

The grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks completed the work before it in St. Louis, on the 23d, and adjourned to meet in Atlantic City, N. J., July 11, 1900.

The first trial of the new American cup defender, Columbia, which took place in Narragansett bay, on the 23d, was more successful than either her builders or her owners had reason to hope.

The village of St. Raymond, 35 miles from Quebec, Can., was almost wiped out by a fire on the 23d. About forty buildings were burned, and the convent was badly damaged. The loss is about \$250,000; well insured.

After a conference, among the owners of the new cup defender Columbia, Col. Oliver Iselin, the managing owner, notified the Herreshoff company, on the 23d, that the yacht would be accepted without a further builder's trial.

Frank Lewis, a Chicago civil engineer, says the Chinese government contemplates the destruction of the ancient Chinese wall that separates China proper from Chinese Tartary. He is en route to assist in tearing down the famous structure.

Germany has officially endorsed the international commercial congress project to be held under the auspices of the Philadelphia Commercial museum, and will have an official delegate present at the opening of the congress on October 10.

The second trial of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, by court-martial, on the charge of communicating documents connected with the national defense to the agents of a foreign power, will take place in the army service building at Rennes, France.

The new French cabinet ministers took possession of their offices on the 23d. The prefect of police, M. Blane, had a long interview with the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, during the day, and it was asserted, based the latter his resignation.

The provincial council of Galicia has presented a petition asking the Peruvian government to reconsider its recent decree relating to non-Catholic marriages, considering it to be contrary to the law, to the ideals of modern society and highly prejudicial to the foreign colonies.

Nearly 3,000 pants makers went on strike, on the 23d, in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Bronxville, N. Y., throwing 5,000 Italian women and girl finishers out of work. They had been earning \$6 a week, working 16 hours a day. They demanded \$12 a week, with a 10-hour working day.

Joshua Gray, an inventor, died at Medford, Mass., on the 23d, aged 75 years. He invented a system of quick steaming boiler tubes; a rubber tipped lead pencil; a three-wheeling seven-shot repeating rifle; a sewing machine shuttle, railroad signal and an automobile, all of which are in practical use.

The bubonic plague has come half-way across the Pacific ocean. The Nippon Maru, arriving at Honolulu, on the 23d, was put in quarantine by the board of health, on the report of bacteriologists that a death which had occurred three days before the vessel arrived there, was due to the bubonic scourge.

The second big lot of returning Klondikers since navigation opened reached Seattle, Wash., on the 23d, on the steamer Humboldt. There were about 250 of them and some of them brought considerable dust. Others were reported to have drafts for three months while some came home without riches.

At the reunion of the Rough Riders, at Las Vegas, N. M., on the 23d, Col. Roosevelt was taken by surprise and presented with a medal, the gift of the rough westerners who idolize him as their gallant leader in war. The colonel was visibly affected, and his response was more eloquent of feeling than of words.

A violent demonstration against the budgetary proposals of the Spanish government took place in Saragossa on the 23d. The mob pillaged the building of the Saragossa council general and stoned the gendarmes on guard, several of whom were severely injured. Troops dispersed the mob and martial law was proclaimed.

The secretary of the interior, on the 23d, promulgated rules in relation to the selection of reservoir sites by cattle grazers in the western states to go into immediate effect. All applications for such sites now on file will, according to the ruling, have to be withdrawn and made to conform to the requirements of the new regulations.

Commander Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers of America, in an address at Lincoln, Neb., on the 23d, declared himself in favor of expansion and the policy of the government. He said the war with Spain was righteous, and the people of the territory acquired by the United States would in time appreciate the change. The Bible should accompany the torch of liberty.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.
PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The funeral of Lieut. Philip Van Horne Lansdale, who was killed at Samon, by the natives, during the battle between the combined forces of the Americans and British and the followers of Mataba, took place, on the 23d, from St. Luke's Episcopal church, San Francisco.

The officials of the London foreign office, on the 23d, sent the United States Ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, a formal memorandum embodying the temporary agreement reached on the Alaskan boundary question.

On the 23d, R. G. Dun & Co. reported: "Failures for the week have been 178 in the United States, against 285 last year, and 18 in Canada, against 11 last year."

Admiral Schley is to be the guest of the city of Chester, Pa., on July 4, and has consented to make an address to the citizens on that date.

The supreme council of the United Commercial Travelers began its eleventh annual session in Columbus, O., on the 23d. Supreme Counselor Charles W. Rice, of St. Paul, presided. Emperor William has conferred the rank of count upon the minister of foreign affairs, Baron Von Buelow.

Wilbur F. Hawkes, a visiting Elk from Covington, Ky., was prostrated by heat in St. Louis, on the 23d, and died before he could be taken to the dispensary.

The navy department has advertised for bids for the erection of the dry dock at the League Island navy yard which was authorized by the act of May 3, 1895.

It is reported in New York, that P. D. Armour, of Chicago, is at the head of a movement to attempt to control the fruit and vegetable trade.

The United States cable ship Thetis, from New York, May 1, for Manila, arrived at Singapore on the 23d.

Henry R. Plant, president of the Plant Steamship Co., died at his home in New York city on the 23d.

Up to the 23d cases of yellow fever, with five deaths, had been officially reported since the beginning of the present outbreak in Santiago de Cuba. One of the deaths occurred in the Fifth Infantry. The other four cases were among civilians.

Richard O'Neill, manager of the North Side Garage Co., of Chicago, made the announcement, on the 23d, that he expects to be replaced by automobiles about September 1. The company has purchased 20 automobiles in Paris.

It is now said that Admiral Dewey will visit Boston and be entertained there before going to New York.

At Baltimore, Md., on the 23d, the jury in the case of Mrs. Clementine M. DeLozier, on trial at Towson, Md., for the murder of her husband, returned a verdict of manslaughter. In a former trial the jury failed to agree.

The first celebration of the Fourth of July in Hawaii under American sovereignty is to be made a memorable one. The general plan of celebration includes salutes in the morning, at noon and at night, a grand parade, field sports, addresses and other literary exercises and fireworks and a ball in the evening.

By the capsizing of a boat in the Yellowstone river, at Greycliffe, Mont., on the 23d, three men lost their lives. The dead were: Reno Sherman, Centerville, Ill.; J. W. Dickerson, Centerville, Ill.; W. S. Thompson, Kansas City, Mo.

The four upper stories of the large six-story building on the corner of Pearl and Purchase streets, Boston, were swept almost clean by fire, on the night of the 23d, the owners and numerous occupants, mostly small publishing concerns, sustaining a loss of nearly \$700,000. The principal loss other than on the buildings falls on the Boston Book Binding Co.

Fire damaged the Maro-Philippine chemical works, at Camden, N. J., to the extent of \$100,000. Three large buildings used in the manufacture of phosphates were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss fully covered by insurance.

The first reunion of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, held at Las Vegas, N. M., on the 23d, and following days, was a great success, barring a little dampening by rain. Col. Roosevelt, the idol of the regiment, was there, and was made the recipient of a beautiful medal from the citizens of New Mexico.

It is believed that the fire which almost wiped Laurel, Del., out of existence, on the 23d, was caused by incendiaries, who wished to cover up a murder. This is based on the information of a night watchman, who says he heard pistol shots coming from the pool room kept by J. J. Larimer, in which place the fire started.

Serious riots have broken out at Cacciano, Italy, about fifty miles southeast of Rome, in consequence of a priest having excommunicated a parishioner for a private quarrel. The man defies and ignores the excommunication, and the priest has ceased holding mass.

It is almost certain that the chest containing \$25,000 in gold, lost from the steamship Alameda, was taken from the ship at Honolulu. In fact, Marshal Brown has in his possession almost conclusive evidence that such was the case, and is on trail of the thief, who is supposed to have gone to Japan.

The conditions along the provisional boundary line proposed by Secretary Hay in Alaska are becoming serious. The state department officials are advised that there is imminent danger of a clash between citizens of the United States and Canada in the disputed territory.

Jessie Porter, a chambermaid at the Palmer house, Chicago, was shot and fatally wounded, on the night of the 23d, by a man supposed to be William G. Prentiss, who killed himself. The shooting occurred in the courtyard of the hotel.

Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, the well-known novelist, is quite ill at her residence in West Washington, D. C. Her weakness is due mainly to the infirmities of age, she being in her eightieth year.

Capt. Daniel J. Carr, volunteer signal corps, has been ordered from Washington city to Angel island, Cal., to command the signal company at that point destined for the Philippine islands.

Samuel Harris, emeritus professor of systematic theology in Yale theological seminary, died at his summer home in Litchfield, Conn., on the 23d, aged 85 years.

Mr. Dawes, the comptroller of the currency, returned to Washington, on the 23d, after a month's trip to the northwest.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Spanish government is about to take steps to determine how many Spanish-born residents of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands intend to maintain their allegiance to the crown of Spain. Provision for this was made in the treaty of Paris, which allows one year from the date of exchanging ratifications of the treaty within which Spanish-born residents may make known their wish to remain subjects of Spain.

An impression prevails at the war department that a large proportion of the volunteers now serving with such honor in the Philippines may be recalled if some arrangement can be made whereby the men can be allowed to make a visit to their friends and relatives in the United States. The idea is to re-enlist them in the Philippines and give them a four months' furlough to return to the United States.

Denying the report that he is a candidate for the vice-presidency, Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, said on the 23d: "My ambition is to retire to the practice of my profession at the end of my present term. I would gladly resign from the senate for that purpose, if my place could be filled by a republican successor. I can not entertain the thought of ever holding another public office."

Commissioner-General Powderly of the Immigration bureau, on the 23d, mailed to San Francisco warrants for the arrest and deportation of six Japanese who were recently released from custody by the federal court on a writ of habeas corpus.

Bossmen pig iron was quoted, on the 23d, at \$20 a ton in the Mahoning valley, and in Pittsburgh, Pa., the price was \$20.75. This is an advance of 10 per cent. in six months, and two dollars a ton for the week.

Senator Quesada, the Cuban agent in Washington, has undertaken to secure the release and transportation to Cuba of the Cubans now confined in the Spanish penal settlements of Ceuta and Fernando Po.

"The National Bank of Manila" and "The First National Bank of Manila" are the names of two banks for which Chicago men have asked the American government to grant charters.

The plurality of Charles Littlefield, elected representative in congress to succeed Nelson Dingley, of Maine, is 12-8.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

Threshing in Gallatin county, Mo., shows a very poor wheat yield.

An illicit still in the wild part of Gibson county, Ky., was destroyed by federal officers.

A severe wind and rain storm passed through Arkansas, near Helena, unroofing houses and mangling crops. The body of Beck Bruner, the United States marshal, drowned in Grand river, at Vinita, I. T., has been recovered.

Bill Jennings was found guilty of train robbery at Hartsville, Mo., and sentenced to the penitentiary for 20 years.

Houston is agitated as to what Simeon's bride should do with the presents intended for the bride of George H. Boeck.

Tommy Dawson, 12 years old, of St. Louis, is missing. He is believed to be en route to the Transvaal in search of his father.

Nine men have been arrested for complicity in the Humphreys lynching in Texas, and eight more arrests are in prospect.

Att'y-Gen. Akin, of Illinois, regards bicycles legally as vehicles, and as such entitled to rights and privileges of the highways.

J. W. Sutton, a farmer, west of Cobden, Ill., dropped dead in his yard Friday. He had dropsy, and had been ill for several weeks.

Alexander Jester's sister has been ordered to leave Shawnee, Okla., by the friends of her brother, whom she accused of murder.

The cruiser Concord has gone to Lang Yun golf, to look for filibusters said to be supplying the Filipinos with arms and ammunition.

Rev. Dr. W. Oliver, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Kearney, Neb., died at the Episcopal hospital, in Philadelphia, Friday.

The composition of the new French cabinet indicates that the republic really was menaced during the ministerial crisis just solved.

It is announced that volunteer troops will not be called for until the president returns from his New England trip. This will be within a day or two.

The proposition that another cabinet office be created for the care of colonial affairs and foreign commerce meets with favor in Washington official circles.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.
Calvin Marion Millard, for many years a prominent business man of southwest Missouri, at Houston, aged 70.

Col. John W. Emerson, at his residence in front of paralysis, at the age of 69. Col. Emerson was an officer in the Union army during the civil war. During Cleveland's first term as president he was appointed United States marshal for the eastern district of Missouri.

Elizabeth Luckett, aged 85, an early settler of St. Charles county, six miles south of Foristell. Her husband, Thos. H. Luckett, aged 89, survives her. They recently celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary.

Real Greene, Sr., one of the oldest residents of Kansas City. He was 84 years old. Mr. Greene was born in Montgomery county, Ky. When he was 25 years of age—in 1840—he and his bride stepped from a Missouri river steamer at Kansas City, then known as Westport landing. He had lived there ever since.

George Lawrence, 73 years old, one of the best-known residents of Springfield, suddenly of heart failure while sitting in his chair. He leaves an estate valued at \$50,000.

W. H. Hatch, aged 78, an old business man of Carthage. He was preparing to celebrate his golden wedding July 3.

Capt. Richard Depont Emerson, a relative of Ralph Waldo Emerson, at Kahokia, aged 75. He was a Union soldier.

O. N. Gibson, a pioneer farmer of Jackson county. He was in all the skirmishes with Price's army in the vicinity of Kansas City, serving the federal side.

Lived With a Broken Back.

Robert L. Smith, son of S. Smith, of the Santa Fe railway, died at Kansas City, a few days ago. He fell out of the window of a boarding house and broke his back in two places. A man with a broken back seldom lives more than a week, but this young man surprised the doctors by living two weeks.

From a Football Injury.

Warner S. Pope, a graduate from the law department of the Kansas state university, died in Kansas City from paralysis, the direct result of an injury received while playing football in Kansas City Thanksgiving day, 1895, with the Missouri university team. He was practicing law.

Federal Home Trustees.

The governor has appointed Mrs. M. Wheeler, Kansas City; E. H. Warren, Richmond, and R. D. Barber, St. James, members of the board of trustees of the federal soldiers' home at St. James.

Can Not Be Appointed.

The attorney general decides that the governor can not appoint a member of the general assembly on the commission to locate the Southeast Missouri asylum for the insane.

Fell From a Window.

Mrs. Katie Colman and her infant fell from a third-story window, in St. Louis, while watching Elks' reeling. The mother was fatally injured, but the child escaped unhurt.

He Was Too Big for the Hole.

William Jennings was prevented from escaping from the Springfield jail. He was unable to get through a hole which had given liberty to two of his cellmates.

Hanged Herself.

Mrs. Andrew Sanderson, of near Swedberg, Pulaski county, hanged herself to a pole in the cow shed. Disease had temporarily affected her mind.

Again Proved Fatal.

John W. Bove, aged 68, an old citizen of St. Joseph, fell in alighting from a street car and received injuries that proved fatal in four hours.

He Was Despondent.

Samuel Rausch, who bought a farm nine miles southeast of Bolivar, and moved there recently, committed suicide by shooting. Despondent.

By His Sleeping Wife.

Capt. M. V. Mosley, a farmer, near Troy, committed suicide by shooting himself in the forehead at the bedside where his wife lay sleeping.

Baptist Young People.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Baptist Young People's Union at Slater. Rev. J. F. Kemper, of Marshall, is president.

Matches Sometimes Dangerous.

Ella Wells, of No. 106 Fourteenth street, St. Louis, stepped on a match, her dress was ignited and she was badly burned.

Farmer's Daughter Fatally Injured.

While Farmer Roland, of near Monroe, was moving a binder out of his barn it fell on his daughter, Pearl, and fatally injured her.

Twenty Years for Train Robbery.

Bill Jennings was found guilty of train robbery, at Hartsville, Wright county, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 20 years.

Charged With Killing His Father.

William H. Anderson was arrested at his home near Iberia and taken to the Camden county jail, charged with killing his father.

Proved an Attraction.

The fifth annual meeting of the Southwest Band association drew a large crowd and a great many bands to Springfield.

Severe Hailstorm.

A hailstorm damaged crops five miles southwest of Silex. Poultry and hogs were killed and fruit trees stripped.

EXPLICIT INFORMATION.

A Long Dispatch from Gen. Otis Describing Conditions as They Are in Luzon.

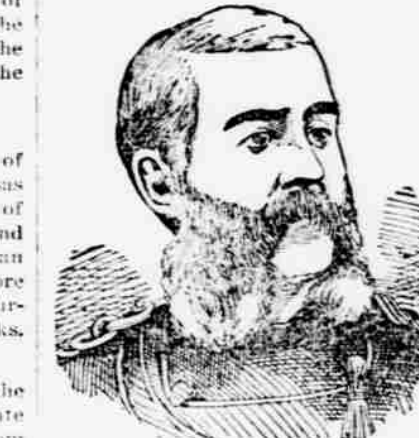
THE INSURGENT ARMY DEMORALIZED.

Considerable Sickness Among Our Men Owing to Climatic Conditions.—The Regulars Replacing the Returning Volunteers are Inadequately Officered.

Washington, June 27.—Gen. Otis, in a reply to a cable from the war department asking for information regarding the situation and conditions in the Philippines, cabled a long reply as follows:

Gen. Otis' Dispatch.

"Manila, June 26, Adjutant-General, Washington—Raining season. Little inland campaigning possible in Luzon. We occupy a large portion of the Tagalog country, our lines stretching from Imus south, to San Fernando north, nearly sixty miles, and to the eastward into Laguna province. The insurgent armies have suffered great losses, and are scattered, the only large force being held together is about 4,000 in Tarlac province and northern Pampanga. Their scattered



GEN. ELWELL S. OTIS.
(In Command of the American Troops in the Philippines.)

forces are in bands of 50 to 500 in other portions of Luzon. In Cavite and Batangas provinces they could assemble possible 2,000, though demoralized from recent defeat. The mass of people, terrorized by the insurgent soldiers, desire peace and American protection, and no longer flee on the approach of our troops unless forced by the insurgents, but gladly welcome them. No recent burning of towns. The population within our lines is becoming dense, taking up land cultivation is becoming too great to be cared for. Natives of southeast Luzon are combining to drive out the insurgents. The only hope of the insurgent leaders is United States aid. They proclaim the near overthrow of the present administration, to be followed by their independence and recognition by the United States. This is the influence which enables them to hold out. Much contention prevails among them, and no civil government remains. Trade with ports not in our possession, the former source of insurgent revenue, is now interdicted. I am not certain of the wisdom of this policy, as the people in those ports are without supply of food, and merchants are suffering losses; meditate restoring trade privileges, although the insurgents reap the benefits. The courts here are in successful operation under the direction of able Filipinos.

"Affairs in the other islands are comparatively quiet, awaiting results in Luzon. All are anxious for trade, and repeated calls for American troops are received. A giving attention to the Jolo archipelago and Palawan islands. Our troops have worked to the limit of endurance. The volunteer organizations have been called in, and replaced by regulars, who now occupy salient positions.

"Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Utah troops are now taking transports, and the Sixth infantry has been sent to Negros to relieve the Californians. These troops are in good physical condition. Sickness among the troops has increased lately, due mostly to arduous service and climatic influences. Nothing alarming. Of the 12 per cent. of the command reported sick, nearly 6 per cent. are in general hospital, of whom 3 per cent. have typhoid and 17 malarial fevers; 25 per cent. have intestinal trouble; the remaining 55 per cent. have various ailments, 14 of which are due to wound injuries. Many officers and men who served in Cuba break under recurrence of Cuban fever, and regular regiments lately received are inadequately officered.

One Trouble Remedied.

The inadequacy of the number of officers mentioned in last part of above cablegram has been remedied by the sailing of the transports Zealandia and Sheridan, carrying a number of officers for regiments in the Philippines.

Adj't-Gen. Corbin says that all officers belonging to regiments in the Philippines who are not absent on account of a surgeon's certificate are under orders to join their regiments at once. Forty-four officers have sailed on the recent transports going from Manila.

Suit Dropped.

Philadelphia, June 27.—It is stated here that the suit of Walter R. Kern to prevent the payment of the recently-declared dividend on the common stock of the Federal Steel Co. has been dropped.

PHILIPPINE PORTS OPENED.

Busy Scenes in Trade Centers—Filipino Blockhouses Destroyed—Spanish Professions of Friendship.

Manila, June 28.—Maj. Gen. Otis has ordered the opening to trade of many important ports that have been closed since the outbreak. These include San Fernando, on the west coast of Luzon, Aparri, on the north coast, Corrima and all ports in the islands of Samar and Leyte.

An Animated Scene.

Many ships used in inter-island commerce have been tied up in the harbor here for months and the shippers and merchants have been urging the government to raise the blockade. When the decision was made known yesterday the scene in the custom house was as animated as the floor of an American stock exchange. It was a busy day. Shipowners rushed to get their clearance papers.

Great Boom in the Hemp Business.

There will be a great boom in the hemp business, which has been at a standstill. The ships will race to bring the first cargoes before the demand weakens. As there is a heavy export duty on hemp, this will greatly increase the revenues.

Why the Ports Were Opened.

The interest of the natives, as well as the merchants and traders generally led Gen. Otis to take this action. Delegates from the southern islands told him that the cessation of business was bringing much suffering to peaceful inhabitants.

Shippers Must Risk Confiscation.

Grants will protect the shipping in some ports, but elsewhere shippers must risk confiscation by the insurgents, who exact heavy tribute of all ships they permit to sail.

Remored Assassination of Aguinaldo.

The rumor that Aguinaldo had been assassinated was in circulation here for several days. It was not believed, but its currency gave it a definite form. According to the story, Gen. Pio del Pilar called upon Aguinaldo upon June 10, and accused him of causing Gen. Luna to be killed. Aguinaldo denied responsibility and added that he deeply regretted Luna's death. Gen. Pio del Pilar, as the story goes, called him a liar and scoundrel, shot him twice in the head with his revolver and walked away unmolested. The report finds no credence in Manila.

Supposed to Be Aguinaldo.

A Filipino general, mounted on a big horse, with a numerous staff, has since been seen haranguing the Filipino troops around San Fernando, in Pampanga province, and this officer is supposed to be Aguinaldo.

Filipino Blockhouses Destroyed.

Yesterday four guns of Holt's battery and other artillery bombarded the Filipino blockhouses and trenches about two miles north of San Fernando. The blockhouses, which had been used by Filipino sharpshooters to annoy American outposts, were destroyed. The enemy made no resistance.

Spanish Professions of Friendship.

Yesterday the Spanish consul general, wearing a brilliant uniform, visited Maj. Gen. Otis. He was received in the latter's office, which is hung with portraits of Spanish royal personages. In the course of a graceful speech, he said that the Spaniards in the Philippines would hold no resentment because of the past, and would entertain no sentiments but those of respect toward the new regime.

MUST DECLARE ALLEGIANCE.

Spaniards in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines May Choose Whom They Will Serve.

Washington, June 28.—The Spanish government is about to take steps to determine how many Spanish-born residents of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines intend to maintain their allegiance to the crown of Spain. Provision for this was made in the treaty of Paris, which allows one year from the date of exchanging ratification of the treaty within which Spanish-born residents could make known their wish to remain subjects of Spain.

The newly-appointed Spanish consul general at Havana, Manila and San Juan will open registers at their respective stations and at other points where Spanish-born residents may make a declaration before a court of record of their intention to continue allegiance to the crown of Spain; otherwise allegiance is renounced, and they become citizens of the territory in which they may reside.

There will be no more Spanish consular appointments for the present, the purpose being to allow the new consuls general to determine how far the service should be extended in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The appointments then will be drawn from the local Spanish residents. In this way, the Spanish authorities expect to secure an organization in touch with the local Spanish sentiment.

The Spanish minister, Duke of Arcos, leaves for Manchester-by-the-Sea to-day, where the Spanish legation will be located through the summer.

ODD MENTION.

Over three-fifths of the mail of Des Moines, Ia., was collected last year from the boxes on street cars.

In Berlin the pawnshop is a royal and philanthropic institution. Any profit that is made is spent on charity.

Painted coffee beans are among the latest curiosities of the adulterated food market. Inferior beans are colored with burnt umber and made to look like the finest Mocha. They are described as "shiny brown outside, yellow inside, and tasteless."